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Applicant: THOMAS LAXHUBER ET AL.  
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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MONITORING A BRAKE-  
APPLYING ELECTRO-MECHANICAL DEVICE FOR VEHICLE  
BRAKES

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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

The relevance of German Patent document DE 197 41 869 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of German Patent documents DE 25 46 470, DE 42 29 042, DE 44 03 719, and DE 196 07 759 are submitted herewith.


In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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